

## Slides:

### Luke 10:38-42

While they were traveling, he entered a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. 39 She had a sister named Mary, who also sat at the Lord's feet and was listening to what he said. 40 But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, and she came up and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to serve alone? So tell her to give me a hand." 41 The Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and upset about many things, 42 but one thing is necessary. Mary has made the right choice, and it will not be taken away from her."

### Luke 10:1

After this, the Lord appointed **seventy-two others**, and he sent them ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself was about to go.

### Luke 10:17

The seventy-two **returned** ...

Did Martha invite Jesus in her home to serve Jesus, or to serve **herself**?

Mary understood something profound: Jesus was not in their home to be **served**, Jesus was in their home to **serve**.

The gift in this story is not their hospitality, the gift is Jesus' teachings.

(All on one slide, come up one at a time)

Martha cares more about the **opinions of others** than listening to Jesus' teachings.

Mary cares more about **the teachings of Jesus** than the opinions of others.

### John 11:21-27

Then Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother wouldn't have died. 22 Yet even now **I know** that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." 23 "Your brother will rise again," Jesus told her. 24 Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." 25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me, even if he dies, will live. 26 Everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" 27 **"Yes, Lord," she told him, "I believe you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who comes into the world."**

### John 12:1-7

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany where Lazarus was, the one Jesus had raised from the dead. 2 So they gave a dinner for him there; **Martha was serving** them, and Lazarus was one of those reclining at the table with him. 3 Then Mary took a pound of perfume, pure and expensive nard, anointed Jesus's feet, and wiped his feet with her hair. So the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. 4 Then one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot (who was about to betray him), said, 5 "Why wasn't this perfume sold for three hundred denarii and

given to the poor?" 6 He didn't say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief. He was in charge of the money-bag and would steal part of what was put in it.7 Jesus answered, "Leave her alone; she has kept it for the day of my **burial**."

Martha and Mary show us:

- **Trusting** Jesus' teachings may not change **what** you do, but it will change **how** you do it.
- **Trusting** Jesus' teachings is **treasuring** Jesus' teachings.

God is **never** calling you to be so distracted that you don't have **time** to treasure His teachings.

**Treasure** Jesus' teachings and you will experience the **new life** Jesus can give.

John 7:37-38

On the last and most important day of the festival, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. 38 The one who **believes** in me, as the **Scripture** has said, will have **streams of living water** flow from deep within him."

**Treasure** Jesus' teachings and you will experience **freedom** that only Jesus can give

John 8:31-32

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you **continue** in my **word**, you really are my **disciples**. 32 **You will know the truth**, and the truth will set you free."

**Treasure** Jesus' teachings and He will protect you from **distractions**.

Psalms 119:9-11

How can a young man keep his way **pure**? By keeping your **word**. 10 I have sought you with all my **heart**; don't let me wander from your **commands**. 11 I have **treasured** your **word** in my **heart** so that I may not sin against you.